

Arguments

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner for his careful consideration. Applicant submits this reply with a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned. Applicant has cancelled claims 8-12 and has added new claims 13-15. Applicant believes the patent is in condition for allowance and allowance is requested.

Lehr does not disclose a handle for a bodyboard comprising a post configured to pass through the body board and connect to an anchor. The handle includes a strap configured to attach to the post. The strap has a first end and a second end. The handle further includes a handle structure configured to receive the first end of the strap and a buckle configured to receive the first end of the strap and the second end of the strap. The strap forms a loop when the first end of the strap and the second end of the strap are attached to the buckle. The handle structure is configured to press a hand against the post when the strap is tightened through the buckle.

Further, Lehr does not disclose the handle having the limitations of claim 13 and further comprising a second post configured to pass through the body board and attach to an anchor. In addition, Lehr does not disclose the handle having the limitations of claim 13 wherein the strap forms an elongated loop when the first end of the strap and the second end of the strap are attached to the buckle.

Neither Lehr nor Gee by themselves or in combination disclose a handle for a bodyboard comprising a post configured to pass through the body board and connect to an anchor. The handle includes a strap configured to attach to the post. The strap has a first end and a second end. The handle further includes a handle structure configured to

receive the first end of the strap and a buckle configured to receive the first end of the strap and the second end of the strap. The strap forms a loop when the first end of the strap and the second end of the strap are attached to the buckle. The handle structure is configured to press a hand against the post when the strap is tightened through the buckle. Further, neither Lehr nor Gee disclose by themselves or in combination the handle having the limitations of claim 13 and further comprising a second post configured to pass through the body board and attach to an anchor. In addition, the references do not disclose the handle having the limitations of claim 13 wherein the strap forms an elongated loop when the first end of the strap and the second end of the strap are attached to the buckle.

Conclusion

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and submits that all of the rejected claims are in a condition for immediate allowance. Should oral discussion facilitate resolution of the outstanding issues, the Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned via telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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